

JAPAN'S ENVOYS CLOSELY GUARD PRESS REPORTS

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WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 3.—Japan takes the press seriously. Not that other nations do not, but Japan takes it so seriously that it conduces to lack of sleep on the part of the Japanese. This has become apparent following a study of the remarkable system prevailing in the Japanese embassy here for the dissemination of news. The Japanese are usually credited with having conducted the most efficient press bureau at the Hotel Crillon during the Paris conference. They have improved upon that system for the handling of information for the Washington conference.

The stress of this efficiency is laid upon making news quickly and easily accessible, not to the American and other correspondents, but to the Japanese correspondents. There are more than a hundred special Japanese newspaper men covering the Washington parley.

Captain Namura, chief adviser of Japan, calls the little brown-faced scribers into conference several times a week to explain in detail to them what the Hughes proposals mean, and what the aims of Japan are. In this way the cables crossing the Pacific hum with conference news, the trend of which is guided cautiously by the Japanese delegates here. These correspondents' conferences are held in the basement of the embassy, where the quill quiverers gather about kitchen tables to listen to the dictum of the chief advisers, sipping "sake" the while.

Treat Americans Different
The American and foreign correspondents, other than Japanese, are received in a specially appointed chamber on the upper floors. For them there is no consultation with the high advisers. They are permitted to ask questions and receive answers, if there are any. There seldom are.

For the benefit of Japanese writers, white men interpreters stationed at the embassy daily turn out a neat folder, numbering about a dozen pages, in which is contained a review of editorial comment in the American press, and a summary of the articles of Washington newspaper correspondents.

Conferences for all correspondents are also given every afternoon for a short period by one of the Japanese delegates and are held in the new navy building down on the Mall. Admiral Kato has been conducting these conferences. Admiral Kato doesn't speak English.

On bulletin boards in the Japanese embassy there are posted every day in Japanese script, Tokio foreign office dispatches relating to the trend of editorial comment in Japan and there are also advices from the Japanese embassy in London summarizing the trend of public opinion in England. These bulletins are for the Japanese correspondents only.

In this way the delegates of Japan manage to control indirectly the course of public opinion at home—a factor of the gravest importance to the delegates—Kato, Tokugawa and Shidehara.

HE KNEW HOW.

There was an old geezer
And he had a lot of sense,
He started up in business
On a dollar eighty cents,
The dollar for stock,
And the eighty for an ad,
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In a day, by dad!
Well, he bought more goods
And a little more space,
And he played that system
With a smile on his face.
The customers flocked
To his two-by four
And soon he had to hustle
For a regular store,
Up on the square
Where the people pass
He gobbled up a corner
That was all plate glass,
He fixed up the windows
With the best that he had,
And told them all about it
In a half page ad.
He soon had 'em comin'
And he never, never quit,
And he wouldn't cut down
On his ads, one jit,
And he's kept things humping
In the town ever since,
And everybody calls him
The Merchant Prince.
Some say it's luck,
But that's all bunk—
Why, he was doing business
When times were punk.

People have to purchase
And the geezer was wise—
For he knew the way to get 'em
Was to advertise.—Exchange.

British Ireland Trouble Clarified

(Contributed.)

Shall Ireland become entirely independent or, if it remain within the British empire, shall there be two separate governments in Ireland, one for Ulster and one for the rest of the country?

Prime Minister Lloyd George has refused to consider any proposal which would put Ireland outside the empire.

The Sinn Feiners refused to admit that Ireland should be split in two parts.

Ulster refused to unite in one parliament with the Sinn Feiners. It has organized a parliament of its own under the Government of Ireland act.

The Sinn Feiners refused to set up a parliament for the South of Ireland, as proposed in that act. They adhered to their own Irish parliament, called the Dail Eireann, which they had set up independently as the governing body of the Irish republic.

That was the situation when the truce began last July, after King George had made a conciliatory speech at the opening of the new parliament in Ulster.

The purpose of the negotiations now in progress, as defined by Lloyd George and accepted by the Sinn Fein representatives is "to ascertain how the association of Ireland with the community of nations known as the British empire may be best reconciled with Irish national aspirations."

The conferences began in July. Both sides have at times entertained higher hopes of a final and satisfactory settlement probably than at any time since the Irish question became a thorn in the side of the British empire, but there have been several crises when the negotiations seemed doomed to failure.

The first of these occurred when Lloyd George offered to de Valera at consultation in Ireland a form of self-government in Ireland something like that prevailing in the British dominions. The Dail Eireann utterly rejected this proposal on the ground that it did not afford even genuine dominion rule. For a time it seemed that a deadlock had been reached.

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TO EXTERMINATE BUGS IN FORESTS ASHLAND VICINITY

What will be the biggest bug hunt ever pulled off in this part of the country awaits word from Washington, where a bill to provide the necessary funds was recently submitted to congress. It is known that the measure passed the house and within a week its fate in the senate will likely be known here. The amount asked for was \$150,000, which sum is to be matched by private owners of timber land extending from the mountains east of Ashland to Lakeview, and containing approximately 1,200,000 acres. The work will begin about the middle of the winter, if the appropriation passes.

The above mentioned forest has been mapped by J. E. Patterson, in charge of forest insect investigation here for the bureau of entomology, United States department of agriculture. Areas in which there are sixty or more trees per acre infected with destructive beetles, are colored a bright red on the map. In some sections 300 or more trees per acre are killed each year by pine beetles, of which there are a great variety.

During the two years and a half

in which Mr. Patterson has had charge of the local office of the bureau of entomology, he has directed insect control work in the forests of northern California, the labor being performed by employes of the Weed Lumber company. Mr. Patterson has been engaged in similar work in this vicinity for the past seven years. His office is on Oak street, opposite Hotel Ashland, where there are many interesting specimens of bark beetles and wood which they have ruined.

WOMEN'S FEET GETTING SMALLER EVERY YEAR?

(By International News Service)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 3.—Women's feet are getting smaller every year, according to Southern California merchants who sell shoes—and they ought to know.

A Santa Barbara dealer sponsored the first announcement of this interesting revelation. Los Angeles shoe merchants say he's right.

And the reason? Its ubiquitous automobile. As the purring cars multiply in number women take fewer and fewer steps. Their tootsies no longer are subjected to the strain of pounding the gravel all day long.

"The length of a woman's foot is a matter of heredity," said one dealer. "The width of her foot depends upon exercise, however. It is natural, therefore, that the tendency for several years has been for women's feet to get smaller—that is, narrower."

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